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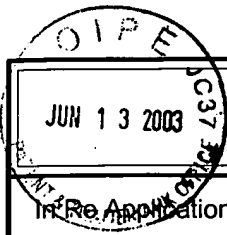
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**SUBMISSION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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Sir:

On May 27, 2003, Applicants submitted a Response to Office Action in response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2003. The remarks at page 5 of the Response states that English language translations of the three Japanese priority documents will be submitted to the Patent Office. Enclosed are English language translations of the Japanese priority documents, Japanese patent application number 11-347108 filed on December 7, 1999, Japanese patent application number 2000-37482 filed on February 16, 2000 and Japanese patent application number 2000-66106 filed on March 10, 2000. Also enclosed is a Verification of Translation statement for each of the translations stating that the translations are true and correct. A certified copy of all of the Japanese priority documents was submitted to the Patent Office on March 9, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants are entitled to rely on the Japanese filing dates of the priority applications which are December 7, 1999; February 16, 2000; and March 10, 2000.

As discussed in the May 27 Response, Tabuchi et al. (JP 2000-273645-A) is not prior art to Applicants' invention because Applicants are entitled to rely on the Japanese priority dates which pre-date the October 3, 2000 publication date of Tabuchi et al.

Although Applicants believes no fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees including any time extension fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 02-1818.

Applicants also believe an additional time extension to respond to the Office Action is not required for this submission. However, if a time extension is required, Applicants petition for the time extension and authorize the fee to be charged to deposit account number 02-1818.

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